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METHOD AND SYSTEM Title: FOR COLLECTING AND

TRANSMITTING **CHEMICAL** INFORMATION

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Sir:

Applicant hereby elects the claims of Group I, namely claims 309-343 drawn to methods and systems which collect and transmit chemical information, without traverse. Applicant reserves the right to file a divisional application at a later date capturing the subject matter recited in claim 375.

Applicant further elects the claims of Species I-B. Applicant submits that claims 309-324 and 343 read upon the elected species.

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